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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
(Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3) and § 1.98) and AND
STATEMENT OF RELATEDNESS (Under M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b))

Sir:

The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed before the mailing of a first Office action in the above-referenced case.

The Examiner is requested to consider the references noted on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 during examination of the above-identified patent application. The references are submitted for the Examiner's consideration and are submitted pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. In submitting the references, no representation is made or implied that the references are or are not material to the examination of the application. The Examiner is encouraged to make his or her own determination of materiality. Pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i), only copies of the foreign references and other documents are provided. Copies of the U.S. patent references are not provided.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i), any information disclosure statement filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 shall include a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent, publication or other information listed that is not in the English language. The concise explanation may be either separate from the specification or incorporated therein.

German patent No. DE 29 19 494 to Kummerlin et al shows an exercise apparatus with a left and a right foot plate (6). The front of each foot plate is supported at the end of adjustable length respective crank arms (5). Each crank arm is arranged to rotate about a common axis. The rear of each foot plate supports a pair of wheels (7), which roll back and forth in respective track (8) to translationally support the rear of the plates. During use, the front of each foot plate follows a circular path at the end of the respective crank arms. The rear of each foot plate reciprocates. Between the ends of the plates, where a user places his foot (10), the foot plates follow a generally elliptical path. Arm exercise members (11) are adjustable supported (14) to the front ends of each foot plate. As such, the arm members move in a pattern governed by the circular path of the front of each foot plate.

Also, the following foreign references are not in the English language:

- (1) German patent Nos. 22 25 342, 24 08 052, 24 08 055, 25 28 414, 36 01 184 A1, and 38 39 391 A1;
- (2) French patent Nos. 1 565 617 and 2 616 132;
- (3) Japanese patent No. 51-10842;
- (4) Soviet Union patent No. 546523, 1297879, 1 567 221 A1, and 1265113 A1;
- (5) Taiwan patent No. 54102; and
- (6) International publication No. WO 81/01960.

Therefore, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i), an English translation of the abstract (from Derwent or esp@cenet Database – Worldwide located at <http://ep.espacenet.com>) or complete English translations are attached to these patents, which are enclosed, to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance.

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and as required by M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is requested to consider the following applications

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commonly owned by the Assignee of the present application and that may include subject matter similar to that of the present application:

(1) U.S. application No. 10/789,294, filed February 26, 2004 (Atty. Dkt. No. 2071/US/2), pending;

(2) U.S. application No. 29/176,966, filed February 28, 2003 (Atty. Dkt. No. 2074/US), pending;

(3) U.S. application No. 10/789,579, filed February 26, 2004, (Docket No. 2076/US/2) pending;

(4) U.S. application No. 10/875,049, filed June 22, 2004 (Atty. Dkt. No. 33270/US/2), pending;

(5) U.S. application No. 09/139,708, filed August 26, 1998 (Atty. Dkt. No. 33396/US/5);

(6) U.S. application No. 10/962,256, filed October 8, 2004 (Atty. Dkt. No. 33526/US/2), pending;

(7) U.S. application No. 10/637,628, filed August 11, 2003 (Atty. Dkt. No. 34037/US), pending;

(8) U.S. application No. 29/201,898, filed March 22, 2004 (Atty. Dkt. No. 34105/US), pending; and

(9) U.S. application No. 29/211,459, filed August 16, 2004 (Atty. Dkt. No. 34769/US), pending.


Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(b)(3) no fees are due with respect to this filing. However, should any fees be deemed necessary, such fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-1415.

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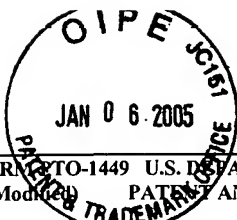
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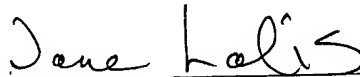
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